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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/G/N-ALICE SHIFFLETT; SA/PD

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SUBJECT: FY-2003 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION
FOR THE REGIONAL PROJECT FOR SOUTH ASIA ON
"FEDERALISM": JANUARY 13-21, 2003

REF: (A) STATE 231967, (B) ASHIFFLETT/RSANDANAYAKE

E-MAIL OF 12/05/02

1. DUE TO A PERSONAL COMMITMENT, POST'S SECOND
APPROVED NOMINEE FOR SUBJECT PROJECT, DR. DAYALAN
AMBALAVANAR, HAS DECLINED ACCEPTING INVITATION TO
ATTEND PROGRAM. POST, THEREFORE, WISHES TO
SUBSTITUTE HIM WITH THE NOMINATION OF MR. KEITH
NOYAHAR, DEPUTY EDITOR, "DAILY MIRROR" - ENGLISH
DAILY.

2. DETAILED NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.0

POST-EMAIL: RSCMB@PD.STATE.GOV

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS COLOMBO

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929

EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA

START NOMINATION:

USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 61

USIA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FEDERALISM - JANUARY 13-31, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: REGIONAL

PROG-TYPE: IV GRANT VISITOR

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 01/11/2003

SESSION-DATE: 01/13/2003

RETURN-POST: 02/02/2003

NO-OF-PART: 2

RANK-ORDER: 1

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

THIS NOMINATION IS IN SUPPORT OF MPP STRATEGIC
GOALS OF "REGIONAL STABILITY" AND "DEMOCRACY"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: RP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: FEDERALISM/U.S. GOVERNMENT

START BIO:

PREFIX: MR.

F-NAME: KEITH

M-NAME: LEROY

L-NAME: NOYAHAR

SUFFIX:

PRINCIPAL?: YES

M-ADDR1: DAILY MIRROR EDITORIAL

M-ADDR2: WIJEYA NEWSPAPERS (PVT) LTD.

M-ADDR3: 8 HUNUPITIYA CROSS ROAD

M-CITY: COLOMBO 2

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-1) 300-552

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 10/07/1963

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: COLOMBO

BIRTH-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

CITIZ-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

RES-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

START MEMO POSITION:
DEPUTY EDITOR, DAILY MIRROR, 1997- TO DATE
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
CORRESPONDENT, LONDON TIMEST, 2000- TO DATE
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
FEATURES EDITOR, MIDWEEK MIRROR, 1995-96
FEATURES EDITOR, SUNDAY TIMES, ALSO RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE INVESTIGATION DESK, 1994 AUGUST-1995
CORRESPONDENT, ASSOCIATED PRESS, 1993-JULY 1994
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
B.A., UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, 1995
ALFRED FRIENDLY PRESS FELLOW, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
1992
WOLFSON COLLEGE PRESS FELLOW, CAMBRIDGE, U.K.,
1998
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: ENGLISH
ENGL-READ: 5
ENGL-SPEAK: 5
ENGL-COMP: 5
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: SINHALA
OTHER-LANG-ID: SI
READ: 5
SPEAK: 5
COMP: 5
END OTHER-LANGS:

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
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GOALS OF "REGIONAL STABILITY" AND "DEMOCRACY"
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: STEPHEN HOLGATE
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
KEITH NOYAHN IS THE DEPUTY EDITOR AND SECOND IN
COMMAND OF THE POPULAR ENGLISH LANGUAGE 'DAILY
MIRROR' NEWSPAPER. A MUCH RESPECTED JOURNALIST,
HE IS IN CHARGE OF ALL EDITORIAL AND OPINION
ARTICLES FOR THE 'DAILY MIRROR.' IN ADDITION, HE
IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINAL EDITING OF
DEFENSE AND POLITICAL COLUMNS OF THE NEWSPAPER.
MR. NOYAHN'S INFLUENCE ON POLICY IS BEST SEEN IN
SRI LANKA, DURING THE TIME OF ELECTIONS, WHEN SRI
LANKAN POLITICAL PARTIES PREPARING THEIR ELECTION
MANIFESTOS PAY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO EDITORIAL
CONTENT AND OPINION ARTICLES.
MR. NOYAHN'S INFLUENCE ALSO EXTENDS TO YOUNG UP
AND COMING JOURNALISTS AS WELL AS HIS SRI LANKAN
MEDIA COLLEAGUES. HE IS A VISITING LECTURER AT
THE JOURNALISM UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO,
AND HAS HELD HONORARY POSITION AS AN ELECTED
EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE SRI LANKA WORKING
JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION. AS A CURRENT ACTIVE
MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION HE STILL WIELDS
CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON POLICY MATTERS WITHIN
THE ASSOCIATION.
WITH HIS INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL
REPORTING, THE IV PROGRAM ON FEDERALISM WOULD GIVE
HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR AND AMERICAN
CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS IN GENERAL.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SPEAKER?: NO
NOTIFY-EMB: YES
MEDIA?: NO
HOME-STAY: YES
HOME-HOSP?: YES
E-I-TYPE:

NOMINEE-ID: 111
PERSON-ID: 58
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE
FIRST-LANG-ID: EN
E-I-TYPE-ID:
NOM-POST-ID: 2929
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:
NOM-STATUS: N
END BIO:
END NOMINATION:

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